

WHEREAS, crime and the threat of violence have profound and devastating effects on individuals, families and communities in America; and

WHEREAS, over 24 million people in the United States are touched by crime each year; and

WHEREAS, the threat and reality of terrorism have challenged all Americans to realize the devastating consequences of violent crime, and their important roles in providing support to individuals and communities who are victimized; and

WHEREAS, crime in America results in significant physical, psychological, financial and spiritual effects on countless innocent victims; and

WHEREAS, crime victims in every state, U.S. territories and Federal jurisdictions have statutory rights to be kept informed of and involved in criminal and juvenile justice processes, and to be afforded protection, restitution and accountability from their offenders; and

WHEREAS, there are over 10,000 community-and system-based victim service programs across our nation that provide a wide range of services and support to victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice commemorates 20 years of providing leadership to ensure that crime victims are treated with dignity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, America as a nation continues to face threats to our personal and public safety, and continues to commit its collective energies to help our fellow citizens who are hurt by crime.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie, hereby proclaim the week of April 6 – 12, 2003 as;

CRIME VICTIMS' WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of March, 2003.

Tom Truex, Mayor